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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6993**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 198

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 28, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Student Health Measurements.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Gard

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires each school corporation to: (1) report certain student health data for students in Grades 3, 5, and 7 to the State Department of Health (ISDH) beginning in 2011; and (2) inform the students' parents of the data collected and the right to obtain the data.

The bill requires the ISDH to: (1) develop materials for the school corporation to distribute concerning body mass index; and (2) publish an annual report summarizing the data collected by the school corporations.

The bill requires the ISDH and the State Board of Education to adopt joint rules to implement these provisions.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Annual Report and Data Collection:* Under the bill, the ISDH would be required to publish an annual report that summarizes student growth information reported by school corporations. ISDH could incur some costs with collection of student health data and development of an annual report. The data to be reported to ISDH includes the height, weight, ethnicity, age, and gender of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. A database would need to be developed so relevant information could be reported. There are approximately 240,000 students in the three grades. The primary cost would probably be the start-up cost of developing the database and layout of the report. If it took an application system analyst about six months to develop the collection method and annual report layout, the cost would be about \$45,000.

*Development and Distribution of Materials:* The ISDH has some online information available on their website concerning body mass index (BMI). It is unknown if the current available documentation on BMI

would satisfy this provision of the bill without additional cost to produce further BMI informational materials.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Local schools would likely require additional administrative time to collect and report the student information to the ISDH. Schools should be able to use existing personnel and resources to collect and report the required data with minimal additional expenditures. The information has to be stored in a way so the student is not personally identifiable.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** ISDH.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local schools.

**Information Sources:**

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